(c) and (d) A 100 hour bandh was being observed in the Karbi Anglong district of Assam on 13th and 14th August, 1991 to press for the demand for an Autonomous State under Article 244(A) of the Constitution.

(e) There has been an upward trend in the number of persons killed by the militants in these States and in the number of violent incidents in Assam and Nagaland.

Container pilferages at Calcutta and Haldia Ports

*55. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the increasing incidents of container pilferages at Calcutta and Haldia Ports have been brought to the notice of the Central Government by the shippers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken to identify the racket and to check pilferages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

Statement

There have been no complaints by Shippers of this nature in the recent past except for two complaints by Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) to Calcutta Port Trust (CPT). These related to:—

(i) Shortage found at destination in some Containers transported by road from Calcutta to Haldia; and

(ii) One case of pilferage of carpets from a container outside dock area at Haldia.

The matter was taken up with concerned authorities of State Government. In any case, Shipping Corporation of India have since discontinued road movement from Calcutta to Haldia.

*56. [*Transferred to 3rd September, 1991*]

JKLF propaganda against India

*57. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front have been carrying on a campaign against India in the United Kingdom; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken/propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our High Commission in London keeps in close and constant touch with British MPs from all parties, with the media, and other influential opinion-markers including within the Indian community, explain our point of view in detail on the Kashmir issue.

Withdrawal of scheme to meter local telephone calls every three minutes

*58. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to drop the scheme of metering local telephone calls every three minutes in Bombay and Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the places in the world where this kind of scheme operates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir. The scheme of metering local telephone calls every three minutes is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.